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For: BILIRUBIN TESTS AS RISK PREDICTORS FOR
CANCER MORTALITY, RHEUMATOID
ARTHRITIS, GILBERT'S SYNDROME AND ALL-
CAUSE MORTALITY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application
as follows, and consider the Remarks following the amendments.

IN THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Replace paragraph 0002 with the following new paragraph.

---[0002] This application is related to U.S.

application 10/016,825, filed November 9, 2001 by Harvey A.

Schwertner and Joseph R. Fischer, Jr., titled Combined

Cholesterol And Bilirubin Tests As Risk Predictors For

Coronary Artery Disease, the invention description of which

is incorporated by reference into this application. U.S.

application 10/016,825 and this application are based on a

related series of studies of the utility of bilirubin tests

as a risk predictor for various diseases.---

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1, 2, 4 and 5. No Claims in case